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Rural Recreation Scheme.

* 131 *Q*.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the amount allotted for rural recreation in connection with Prohibition has been spent for that purpose or not; and

(*b*) if that was spent for the above purpose, where and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (*a*) The member apparently refers to the allotment under the Budget head '42. Co-operation—b. Superintendence—D. Rural Recreation Scheme'. The expenditure on ameliorative activities connected with Prohibition is debited to this head. Originally a good part of the ameliorative work connected with Prohibition was devoted to the promotion of counter attraction to drink in the form of recreation and entertainments. But now the policy of the Government is to restrict ameliorative work to constructive activities such as organization of jaggery manufacturing societies and other types of societies for ex-tappers, finding alternative employment for them, etc.

" (*b*) The amount was spent throughout the State."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" How much money is being spent for rural recreation?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" I want notice Sir."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM:—" Does the Hon. Minister feel that the recreation department should still continue?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" Yes, Sir, until the policy of the Government is changed."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM:—" May I know why the Rural Recreation Scheme is not enforced in the Tanjore district?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" I think, the ameliorative scheme is intended for the whole of this State. If the hon. Member brings to my notice that it is not enforced in the Tanjore district, the matter will be looked into."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" Have these Prohibition Ministers—past or present—participated in anyone of the Rural Recreation Schemes please?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" Yes, Sir, sometime back in Coimbatore."

Fishery research stations.

* 132 *Q*.—SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many fresh water fishery research stations are maintained by the Government in this State;

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(b) how many of them are located near fresh water lakes or reservoirs;

(c) whether any of them is located near a river; and

(d) if so, where?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (a) Four. The stations are at Madras, Mettur, Hospet and Dowleshwaram.

" (b) Two. The stations at Mettur and Hospet.

" (c) & (d) Yes. The station at Dowleshwaram is located near the river Godavari."

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—" The Hon. Minister has stated, in his answer, that two research stations are located near fresh water lakes. Will he kindly inform me, how the other two stations at Madras and Dowleshwaram are able to do research in fresh water fishery when they are not located near fresh water lakes or reservoirs? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I stated in my answer that the research station at Dowleshwaram is located near the river Godavari, which has fresh water."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know whether the Government are making any efforts to popularize the breeding of fresh water fishes in private and public tanks and if so, with what success? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have been sending fingerlings to various tanks and they are introduced in the tanks and, I think, quite a bit of success has been achieved. If the hon. Member gives notice of another question, I can give him figures."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is this scheme remunerative? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" For every acre of fresh water, we could get about 1,500 pounds of fish and ultimately it is bound to be remunerative."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know what the annual expenditure of the research stations is, the number of vegetarians appointed in these stations and the salary paid per head per month? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will allow the first part of the question. As for the second part, the hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister tell us in view of the failure of the rains during the past five years, what the experience of the fishery station is since there was no fresh water anywhere in the land even for drinking? " 10-40 a.m.

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The hon. Member does not mention to which fishery station he refers."

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SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—" Can the Hon. Minister give us the information whether the Government have any rules regarding the season during which various Government tanks are to be dredged, i.e., whether Government propose to fix any time-limit as to when the tank is to be dredged as otherwise the small fish will never get into maturity? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I think there is a time limit of the season when fishing is allowed. If the hon. Member gives noice of a specific question I shall furnish him the information."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in reply to my previous supplementary question the Hon. Minister replied that he did not know to which fishery station I referred. I was referring to the three other fishery stations, at Mettur, at Hospet and at Dowleshwaram? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is fresh water there."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" Sir, will the Government consider the desirability of opening a research station at Kaikalur in Krishna district? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is already a station at Dowleshwaram. It serves that area. The problems are about the same in both the places and so I do not know whether there is any need to open one at Kaikalur."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMY :—" May I know, Sir, what the exact nature of the research work carried on in these fishery stations is? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is a long list of problems that are solved in these fishery stations. I do not think much purpose will be served if I read out all that. Still some of the problems I shall read—

'The work of the freshwater biological station is directed towards the following :—

(1) The bionomics, feeding, breeding and ecology of fishes of economic importance.

(2) Fish parasites, diseases and mortality and remedial measures.

(3) Environmental biota in relation to fish life.

(4) Physico-chemical factors of hydrobiology affecting productivity of inland waters with a view to determine the optimum conditions for increase of output.

(5) Survey of inland waters so as to utilize all cultivable waters.

(6) Pollution of inland waters and its effect on fisheries.

(7) Location of spawning grounds and centres for the collection of spawn, fry and fingerlings.

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(8) Conditioning and transport of live fish, stocking and acclimatization.

(9) Inland fishery statistics.

(10) Fish farming technique.

(11) Growth and migratory movements and the effects of dams on the latter.

(12) Biological control of malaria, guineaworm and other water-borne diseases by public health fish farming.' "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, will the Government consider the opening of a research station at Kondakarala Ava in Visakhapatnam district, where there is a beautiful fresh water lake? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have already got research stations which are tackling important problems connected with fisheries. If there is any special problem to be dealt with at that place, then the matter will be considered."

SRI R. RANGASAMY GOUNDER :—" Is it not a fact that a lot of waste water from a factory is let into the Bhavani river and will it not affect the breeding of fishes."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It all depends upon what kind of water is let into the river. If it is waste water from the brewery it is good for the fish. If it is waste from slaughterhouse it is good for the fish. I do not know what exactly the hon. Member means."

Permission to tap sweet toddy in Cuddapah.

* 133 Q.—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have granted permission to tap sweet toddy (Neera) in Nellore, Chittoor, and West Godavari districts; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to extend the same permission to Cuddapah district? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) The tapping of palmyra trees and date trees for sweet toddy for jaggery manufacture is permitted in Nellore and Chittoor districts. The tapping of palmyra trees for sweet toddy for jaggery manufacture is allowed in West Godavari district.

" (b) There is no proposal at present to extend the tapping concession to Cuddapah district. It is apprehended that any such concession would lead to serious malpractices in this district."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" May I know why this discrimination is made only against Cuddapah district? "